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Applicant: A. UMEMOTO et al. Conf.: 7879
Appl. No.: 09/504,438 Group: 2654
Filed: February 15, 2000 Examiner: D. KNEPPER
For: INFORMATION SELECTION APPARATUS SELECTING
DESIRED INFORMATION FROM PLURALITY OF AUDIO
INFORMATION BY MAINLY USING AUDIO

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in this application; claims 1, 9-11, 16, 18-19, and 27-28 being independent. In light of the remarks contained herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

The Official Action

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kobayashi et al.* ("Dynamic Soundscape: mapping time to space for audio browsing," CHI 97, pp. 194-201, March 22-27, 1997).